

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1, 11, 21 and 22 have been amended as shown at page 6 of the Reply.

Applicants' representative thanks Examiner Jain for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview conducted on January 21, 2010. Examiner was contacted to discuss the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112. During the interview a set of proposed amendments were agreed upon that addressed the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 identified in the Office Action. These amendments have been incorporated into the claims as shown above. Examiner indicated that further search and consideration was required to determine if the claims would be allowed over the cited prior art.

We further note that the amended independent claims recite *wherein the pre-determined pattern further includes at least one point in time when a scheduled transmission portion coincides with a scheduled receiving portion of **each combination of two distinct nodes from the group comprising the network node and the plurality of other nodes.*** A group consisting of a network node and a plurality of other nodes comprises at least three nodes and the predetermined pattern ensures a coinciding time of transmission and receiving portions for all combinations of two distinct nodes in the group.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-22 Under 35 U.S.C §112

Claims 1-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. In view of the telephonic interview in which the amendments presented above were agreed to address this rejection, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [QUALP839US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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